

Temporary Exemption Request for Home Compostable Products

Businesses can submit a request for City staff to review products for a temporary exemption to the home compostable requirements for prepared food and beverages. City staff will review and respond to requests within 30 days. Exemptions will only be granted for products where there are not at least two vendors that make readily available home compostable alternatives. Please visit the City website to view a list of current products on the temporary exemption list.

If a product is granted a temporary exemption, the replacement product must be: Certified to be compostable in an industrial composting facility in a timely manner (look for BPI/CMA certification), and/or

Eligible to be accepted for recycling by your establishment's recycling and/or compost collection service.

Please contact Hannah Ljunggren, Climate Action Outreach Coordinator, at hljunggren@bainbridgewa.gov with any questions.

1. Contact information:

Business Name	
Contact Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	

2. Product requesting a temporary exemption (type of product, material product is made from, use of product, etc.):
3. Please explain why you are requesting a temporary exemption for this product (including any specialized packaging needs, inability to find at least two vendors making home compostable alternatives, etc.):
4. *Optional* Attach physical copy photograph of item to sheet:
5. I verify that I have not been able to find at least two vendors that make readily available home compostable alternatives for this product. Please note that you can review a list of example, compliant products and vendors on the City website at www.bainbridgewa.gov/ZeroWaste
Verify
Date: